

## V. P. I. SOCIETIES CHOOSE DEBATERS

Will Appear in Contest Against  
Roanoke College at  
Salem.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Blacksburg, Va., February 17.—In the final preliminary debate between representatives of the Leo and Maury Literary Societies of the V. P. I. Saturday night, C. R. Fiske, of the Leo; James Bellwood, of the Maury; and W. E. Nash, of the Leo, were chosen to represent the Virginia Polytechnic Institute in a joint debate with Roanoke College on April 4 at Salem. These men will have the negative side of the question "Resolved, That the United States is justified in discriminating in favor of her own vessels passing through the Panama Canal." This will be the first joint debate between the societies of these two schools and will likely be made a permanent feature of the future.

Saturday night, February 22, the annual joint debate between the Leo and Maury Societies of V. P. I. will be held here, and the question for the evening will be "Resolved, That the four-year term of office of the President of the United States with eligibility for re-election is preferable to a six-year term with ineligibility for re-election." The affirmative side will be defended by J. M. Evans and C. R. Fiske, of the Leo, and the negative will be represented by M. F. Peake and R. L. Butler, of the Maury. The declaimers will be G. A. Warfield, of the Maury, and J. E. Delp, of the Leo.

The February meeting of the Blacksburg Board of Trade will be held Wednesday evening, in the private dining hall of the V. P. I. Following the business session, there will be a banquet, and R. C. Stearnes, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will be the guest of the board and of the board of the Maury. Stearnes comes here by special invitation of the school committee of the board, and will confer with the latter as to the building of a much-needed addition to the present schoolhouse, and the employment of more teachers.

Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock there will be an educational rally in the German Club hall of the V. P. I., when addresses will be made by Superintendent Stearnes and Mrs. Landon R. Dashiell, of Richmond, of civic leagues. The college students, members of the faculty and people of the community have been extended an invitation to attend these lectures.

Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the High School building Mrs. Faith Thomas Parrott, of Martinsville, an officer of the W. C. T. U., will make an address to the pupils of the school, the members of the Woman's Club, and the women of the community.

### FRATERNITY INITIATES.

Chapters at A. & M. College Take in New Members.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
West Raleigh, N. C., February 18.—At the recent pledging and initiations of the Greek letter fraternities, which are held in February of each year at A. & M. College, the following men were taken in by the various fraternities:

Sigma Nu—John N. Hackney, of Wilson; O. S. Anthony, of Shelby; William McKinnon, of Raleigh; and H. H. Waters, of Wilmington.

Kappa Sigma—W. S. Corbitt, of Henderson; E. F. Morgan, of Shawboro; E. J. Lake, of Norfolk; M. L. Correll, of Lumberton; and H. Rankin, of Camden.

Kappa Alpha—N. Burfoot, Jr., of Elizabeth City; R. S. Hinton, of Raleigh; Tom Gray, of Winston-Salem; R. A. Page, of Bliscoe; Victor Rice, of Southport; and H. C. Foreman, of Elizabeth City.

Phi Kappa Alpha—W. H. Gaskill, of Morehead City; G. G. Webb, of Morehead City; and R. T. Cotton, of High Point.

Sigma Phi Epsilon—C. M. Morris, of Concord; and T. H. Holmes, of Goldsboro.

Freight Train Wrecked.

Harrisburg, Pa., February 18.—Southbound freight train No. 83 was wrecked early this morning near Port



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Republic, on the Norfolk and Western Railway. Twenty cars were derailed and demolished on a split switch, and merchandise of all kinds was scattered about. Nobody was hurt.

Boys Admit Theft of Jewelry.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Alexandria, Va., February 18.—In the arrest of three negro boys today, charged with robbing the window of Julius Wolf of jewelry and other articles valued at \$25, the police believe that they have solved a number of recent petty robberies. Most of the plunder was recovered. The boys will be given a hearing in the Police Court tomorrow. They admit the robbery.

Boys Tract in Alexandria.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Alexandria, Va., February 18.—Paul Kester, author and playwright, has purchased from Kohn L. Proske fifteen acres of the Belmont tract, together with the old Lloyd house thereon, known as Lord's, Alexandria County, commanding a fine view. Mr. Kester will move to his newly acquired home in the spring. The site is regarded as one of the finest in the county.

Election Soon May Be Ordered

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Danville, Va., February 18.—The main topic of conversation in this city at the present time is the local option election, which will probably take place here within the next forty days.

It is almost certain that Judge R. W. Peatross will have the petition from the "dry" faction, calling for the vote within the next few days. These documents will then be held by the judge for ten days, when an examination of the signatures will be made and if necessary challenged by the anti-prohibitionists, and a thirty days' notice of the election will then be served upon the citizens.

The Anti-Saloon League campaign committee lost no time in getting their petitions circulated, and the day after the meeting of the executive committee, at which it was decided to call the election, the workers were out getting citizens to sign. Apparently no difficulty is being experienced in getting names for each night they have been brought to headquarters well filled.

The calling of the election came rather as a surprise. It had been rumored in the city for some time previously that such action would be taken, but as months elapsed and nothing was done, it was generally thought that the "dry" faction had decided to take the matter up at a later date.

The contest is expected to be a lively one, for both the "dry" and the "wet" elements are well organized and pretty evenly divided. At the last election the city went "wet" by the narrow margin of ten votes.

The Anti-Saloon League leaders have made it known that they will use every legitimate means to bring about a "dry" regime, while the "wets" will take as their main point of argument the development of the city and the increase in values generally during the last two years.

In 1893 the "wets" won by 554 majority; in 1903 the "dryes" won by 203; in 1905 the "wet" majority was eighteen, and in 1908 the "dry" was forty-five. The last election was held in 1910, and the "wets" won again by a majority of ten.

## BILLET HEART, MAN STILL LIVES

Efforts of Portsmouth Surgeons  
Probably Will Save  
Negro's Life.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Portsmouth, Va., February 18.—With a bullet embedded in his heart and the perforation of that organ closed with three stitches of catgut, Louis Jenkins, a negro patient at the Kings Daughters Hospital, seems in a fair way to baffle the effort of Henry Beale, also a negro, now in custody, to put a period to his existence.

Patrolman Miller came upon Jenkins about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon in upper High Street, near the plant of the Portsmouth Coal and Ice Company, with two bullet wounds in his chest, one of them in the heart. The other was in the left arm. Jenkins told the officer that Henry Beale had shot him. He soon became unconscious and was almost without pulse when placed on an operating table at the Kings Daughters Hospital, Drs. Holladay and Carrey found that the bullet had penetrated the heart and was still embedded in it. No effort was made to remove it, but the hole was sewed up. When the heart was exposed and the surgeon's knife, a stream of blood spurted out, but this ceased when, with marvelous swiftness the stitches were made, and the man's pulse again began to beat.

This morning Jenkins had a good pulse and talked about the shooting. "I never witnessed such a marvelous resurrection," is the way the superintendent of the hospital, who witnessed the operation, commented on the case today.

While Jenkins was being hurried to the hospital, Beale, his assailant, was on his way down town to surrender himself. On the way he met Patrolman Hodges and told him of the shooting. Beale declared that he shot Jenkins in self-defense, at Cooke and Queen Streets. He said Jenkins had been after him all day yesterday with a knife.

## GUILTY OF MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE

Verdict of Jury in Case of F. L.  
Hargrove Carries Death  
Penalty With It.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Spotsylvania, Va., February 18.—The trial of F. L. Hargrove, charged with the murder of Mansfield Thornton and his wife, Melvina Thornton, and after arduous burning the bodies in their own home, came to a close at 12:45 hour last night in the Circuit Court of Spotsylvania County, with Judge R. H. L. Chichester presiding.

The testimony was concluded by 2 o'clock yesterday and instructions were argued by the attorneys, and argument commenced in the afternoon and continued into the night, and the case was given to the jury at 9:30 o'clock. After deliberating for fully fifteen minutes the jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree, carrying with it a penalty of death in the electric chair. The attorneys in the case were Commonwealth's Attorney T. Stokely Coleman, of Spotsylvania, for the State, assisted by Frederick W. Coleman, of Fredericksburg; Leonard F. Pierson and C. O'Connor, of Fredericksburg, were counsel for the defense.

Counsel for the defense moved the court to set the verdict aside, but the court overruled the motion. The motion for a new trial on insufficiency of the indictment will be heard by the court on Thursday next.

This trial covered a period of five days and created more interest than any other case of similar character in this county for twenty years or more, and it is the first case in forty years where a verdict of murder in the first degree has been rendered.

There are eight or ten more criminal cases on the docket, and one other murder case, which will be tried during this term.

The verdict in the Hargrove case meets with universal approval, and his feigned insanity is at an end, as he talked freely with his counsel immediately after the verdict had been rendered.

The case of Commonwealth against Nelson Carter, for the killing of his wife about two years ago, is set for hearing on February 23, and Carter has employed Judge Alvin T. Embrey and Frederick W. Coleman, of Fredericksburg, to defend him.

Children Cry  
FOR FLETCHER'S  
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## Odds and Ends From the Wire

### FOUR-CENT MEAL STUDENT FAILS.

Cuts Cost of Living, but Loses in Mid-Year Exams.

Ithaca, N. Y., February 18.—R. P. Sanford, the Cornell freshman, who lives on "cent meals" or 5 cents a week for diet, was "busted out" of the College of Agriculture at Cornell University as the result of the recent mid-year examinations.

Sanford passed his regular work with flying colors, averaging about 90 in all subjects, but failed to pass in intermediate algebra, in which he had been conditioned before he entered, and the college faculty, under the rules, was forced to drop him.

Sanford, who had been a student at the university and by taking summer school work graduate with his class. He intends to keep up his 4-cent meals.

### SUES ON KING'S ART DEAL.

Woman Claims \$20,000 from Dealers She Says Tricked Her.

New York, February 18.—Charlotte Springer has brought suit in Supreme Court against Duvens Brothers, art importers, for \$20,000, alleging that she entered into an agreement with Duvens Brothers to purchase the Don Quixote tapestries, owned by King Alfonso XII, of Spain.

She says she negotiated with the King through Prince Francis de Bourbon, and the price of the tapestries was fixed at \$10,000, she then offered the tapestries to J. Pierpont Morgan, she alleges, and Mr. Morgan offered her to his agents, Duvens Brothers. She says she was tricked.

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### Little Drinkers in Hospital.

Children Rescued in Park Carousal Are Very Sick.

Wilmington, Del., February 18.—Showing the effects of liquor, Anthony Leroy, aged six, living at 299 Poplar Street, and his brother, Joseph Leroy, aged eight, were found in North Brandywine Park by Mrs. William Standar, of Twentieth and Harrison Streets. The boys were surrounded by several others, and all were having much fun.

Mrs. Standar took the boys to her home and called the police, who removed the pair to the juvenile detention home. Probation Officer Farra thought their condition serious and had them taken to the Delaware Hospital.

### BOYS RAISE FALSE HOPES.

Make Churchgoers Believe Subscriptions Had Jumped \$10,000.

Vineyard, N. J., February 18.—Members of the First Presbyterian Church are raising money to build a new place of worship, and in the midst of the present edifice has been erected a clock tower, with a movable hand to record the subscriptions as they come in. Yesterday those who attended the morning service were delighted to see by the clock that the fund had suddenly been added by \$10,000.

But disappointment succeeded joy later in the day when it was learned that mischievous boys had climbed into the belfry and had pushed the clock hand just that far ahead.

### TRUTHFUL KID AS FIRE-SETTER.

"I Found a Little Match and Struck It," He Explains.

Portsmouth, Pa., February 18.—When a four-year-old son of Wilson Wentzels, of that place, came toddling down the steps yesterday and told his parents the house was on fire, they rushed upstairs to find a blaze in the bathroom, that had already communicated to the woodwork and some clothing. A bucket brigade was formed and the flames were extinguished.

Then, when the excitement had subsided, the Wentzels asked the little fellow whether he knew how the fire had started, and he promptly replied: "I found a little match on the floor, and struck it; and that's how it was all done."

### OFFERS SKIN TO SAVE CHILD.

Mother Willing to Sacrifice Herself to Save Little One.

Atlantic City, February 18.—Her face and body terribly burned by falling into a boiler filled with hot water at her home, 22 North Illinois Avenue, while at play, Sadie Schiffer, five years old, is in a serious condition at the City Hospital. Her mother, frantic over the plight of her child, vainly appealed to physicians to use as much of her skin as was necessary for grafting. If the life of the child could be saved.

"I would give every inch of skin, on my body if grafting can save my little one," said Mrs. Schiffer between her sobs.

using a little pony and a small cart. The roads were bad, and, after journeying to Cleves, O., the little animal showed signs of fatigue. Bell noticed this, and when he reached Cleves he went to a livery stable. "Got an automobile around here?" he asked.

A nice five-passenger machine was shown to him. "Get it ready at once," he ordered. The pony was lifted into the back seat beside Bell, the cart attached to the rear and the whole outfit set out for Westwood. When they reached the paved streets, Bell lifted the pony out of the machine, hitched it up to the cart and continued on his way. The heavy went back to Cleves. Bell paid a \$1 livery bill.

### FACE LOSS IN CRANBERRIES.

Growers Who Held for Higher Price Face Loss.

Winslow, N. J., February 18.—Over-production is the cause of much apprehension on the part of cranberry dealers in South Jersey. It is said there are 25,000 crates of fruit on hand in different parts of the State, many fall, expecting to do better later. A prominent grower who offered \$1.50 a crate in December now states that much of the product will go at 25 cents on account of the enormous crop in storage.

### IN FAVOR OF DEFENDANT.

Roberts Retains Title to Valuable Compton Farm.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Manassas, Va., February 18.—Judge J. B. T. Thornton has just handed down a decision in the chancery suit of Clara P. Martin vs. Henry Roberts, deciding the case in favor of the defendant. By the court's decision Mr. Roberts retains title to Compton Farm, one of the finest estates in Prince William County. This property was formerly owned by W. S. Gaines, of Warrenton.

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